



April 28, 2021

Hello Bethel,

“I wish that everyone would just love Jesus more.” That quote is from Nancy Jane Safford-my mom. I will never forget that, and other things-like screaming at the refs, and the opponents at our sporting events. She was one of a kind. This Mother’s Day weekend coming up is another time for us to remember our moms, and honor them.

I am reminded of a mom in the Old Testament that most of us don’t think about on Mother’s Day. Rahab...yep...that Rahab found in Joshua 2. Rahab will forever be known as “Rahab, not the most pure woman in the Word.” As you follow the story, you find that Rahab was a pagan, a Canaanite, a prostitute—and someone you would not think of as a God follower. Yet, she was willing to risk everything to find out more about our God and how different He is from the gods she knew in Jericho. She wanted to know this supernatural God that was changing the world she lived in. She heard what he had done, and his extraordinary power that had been displayed became the credibility she needed to believe in Him. Here’s the cool part. Because of her belief, she was accepted into Israel, and married a man named Salmon. They had a baby boy, and his name was...wait for it...Boaz. That’s right, as we move into the next part of Ruth’s story, we meet Boaz, the son of Rahab. From what we know of Boaz, Rahab must have been one great mom. We will talk more about that in the next week or so. God uses us in the most unbelievable ways when we trust Him. Please know that he is faithful and loves us in spite of some of our choices and rebellion. God used Rehab, and He will use us.

Have a great week! We would love to hear of some of your memories of your mom. Why not send us a memory of your mom? We would love to have some to share in the coming week. Share your memories of your mom by emailing us at [office@bethelnj.org](mailto:office@bethelnj.org) or just respond to this message.

*Pastor Geoff*

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## *From Your Bethel Office*

**May 6th** (next Thursday) is the 70th Annual National Day of Prayer. Please click on the link below for more information on how you can be a prayer warrior for our Nation!

<https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>

**May 9th** is Mother's Day, high school senior recognition, and the promotion of our 5th graders moving up to middle school. As Pastor Geoff mentioned above, we would love to hear some tidbits of fond memories you have of your moms.

We have updated our Instagram account and we've also added a new Social Media Catalyst, Gracie Correll! Gracie will be interning with us as a key editor for our social media sites. You will be able to keep up to date on what's happening at Bethel by clicking on the Facebook & Instagram icons below. Or go to *Facebook* and search **BethelChurchnp** or *Instagram* search **bethelchurch.np**



## *Light Bulb Moment!*

Did you miss the Light Bulb Moment from Pastor Geoff's sermon on Sunday? You can go to Instagram to watch the 53 second clip, "Bitter or Better".